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TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USLO PEKING

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA, FR

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF ROYAL VISIT TO FRANCE

1. FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICER TODAY TOLD US LAO GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE SINE DIE THE STATE VISIT TO FRANCE OF THE KING OF LAOS SCHEDULED FOR THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH. THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE, IS SAID TO FEEL THE KING FEARS THAT WE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO LAOS IF HE LEAVES THE COUNTRY NOW. NO OFFICIAL EXPLANATION FOR THE CANCELLATION WAS GIVEN BY THE PGNU TO THE FRENCH.

2. LAO AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED CANCELLATION DURING CALL IN DEPARTMENT TODAY. HE ALSO BELIEVES KING FEARS NOT BEING ALLOWED TO RETURN, AND VIEWS CANCELLATION AS SETBACK TO HOPES FOR MODERATION IN PL ATTITUDE TOWARD NON-COMMUNIST
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3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION MOSCOW AND PEKING MAY HAVE ABOUT THE INTENDED VISITS TO THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA WHICH WERE TO HAVE FOLLOWED THE KING'S VISIT IN FRANCE. KISSINGER

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